



HARMONY SCHOOL OF FINE ART AND TECHNOLOGY

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**Wednesday Mail
October 26th, 2011**

Hello Parents and Students,

For this week's Wednesday Mail, we have the following news:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Class Picture and Fall Portrait Retakes with Lifetouch: Lifetouch will be at our school on Wednesday, November 9th for Class Pictures and retakes of the Fall Portraits.

*Class Picture: The students will take a class picture with their class and teacher(s). The cost of class picture is \$10 each. An order form will be sent home with students on Friday, November 2nd.

* Retake Picture: This is for students who either have missed the Fall picture day or they are unsatisfied with their portraits. Old portraits **MUST** be returned for retakes.

Veteran's Day Speaker: Reporter Art Rascon: Emmy award winning Reporter Art Rascon from ABC-13 News will be a guest speaker at our Veteran's Day event! He will assist us in honoring the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving in our military.

Mr. Rascon has covered such major events as wars and conflicts in Iraq, the Balkans, the Middle East, Central America, and the Caribbean. Mr. Rascon has reported from more than 50 countries, five continents, and nearly every state in the Union. He has been nominated for 25 Emmys and has won 19.

Parents are cordially invited to this event; please RSVP to Ms. Alanis at alannis@harmonytx.org.

HSART Guest Speaker Series...Part 4: Council Member Jolanda Jones:

You are cordially invited to join us for a presentation in honor of Council Member Jolanda "Jo" Jones on Monday, November 7th, 2011 at 10:00AM.

Council Member Jones is our Houston City Council At-Large Position 5. She is also Chair of the Housing and Development and the International Business Initiatives Committees as well as a member of several other Council Committees.

Please R.S.V.P by November 2nd, 2011 to Ms. Alanis at alannis@harmonytx.org.

REMINDERS

October 31: Book Character Dress-Up: On Monday, October 31st, students may wear school appropriate costumes to school. These costumes must be based on a book character. Students will not be allowed to wear the following:

- *No tights (unless they are under a school appropriate skirt/dress)
- *No items depicting weapons
- *No costume accessories such as capes, masks, wands, swords, sunglasses, etc.



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Any student with a costume deemed inappropriate by administration will be required to change into school uniform or be picked up from school. If you are unsure about your costume or have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Smith.

ReadiStep Testing: 8th Grade Students will take the Readiness assessment on Monday, November 7th (during school hours). This assessment will identify skills that your child is in need of developing, and is intended to "identify students who are ready for more challenging coursework". This assessment is "vertically aligned with the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT" and will help students prepare for taking future college-entrance assessments. If you have any questions, please email Mary Averill (maverill@harmonytx.org).

Veterans' Day Celebration: Harmony School of Fine Arts and Technology would like to pay tribute to all the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving in our military.

To help in our tribute, we are asking our students to bring a picture of someone in their family who has served or is serving in one of the military branches. These pictures will be displayed on our front windows and used during our Veterans' Day Assembly.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form that was sent home with your child on Wednesday, October 12th and return it (along with a picture) to your child/children's homeroom teacher. We will begin accepting information and pictures immediately, and the deadline for submission is Friday, November 4, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Smith at djsmith@harmonytx.org. Please note: Pictures will be returned at the end of November.

A Visit from Council Member Jarvis Johnson: You are cordially invited to join us for a presentation in honor of Council Member Jarvis Johnson on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. in the cafeteria. Council Member Johnson will be speaking to our CLRP group about "College Readiness".

R.S.V.P: Kindly Respond by October 28th, 2011
To Ms. Alanis at lalanis@harmonytx.org

2011 HSART's Folk Dance Try-outs: Harmony School of Fine Arts will bring together a Folk Dance Team. Our Team will represent our school in city-wide, state-wide, and world-wide competitions. As the HSART Folk Dance team, we will perform the collection of cultures through music and dance. We will have the opportunity to obtain a 1st place team award, for best performance. For additional detail, please contact Mr. Fidan or Mrs. Nihal.

2nd Annual Talent Show: Harmony School of Fine Arts and Technology will be holding its Annual Fall Talent Show in December at the Cosmo Building from 7:00PM-9:00PM. We have some exceptionally talented students and wish to showcase these amazing skills to the whole school. This is an auditioned event. Students who wish to participate will prepare a routine/performance that they will show to Mrs. Matos.

Talent show auditions will be held the week of November 1st-4th. Each student will have 5 minutes for their audition (7:30am, 7:35am, 7:40am, etc). Please contact Mrs. Matos for more information.